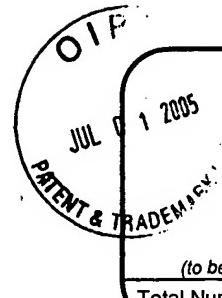


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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

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### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AFTER-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant received an Office Action that was mailed on April 4, 2005. Applicant submits the following amendments to the claims and respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.